

Sustainability, Innovation & Resilience in Rural Areas (SIRR)

A Data-Driven Research Report on Sotenäs & Lysekil Municipality
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Project Context



SIRR strengthens rural & coastal regions.

Focus: sustainability, innovation, resilience.

Sotenäs & Lysekil face seasonal tourism pressure, second homes, ageing population, youth migration.

Research Objectives



- Analyse socio-economic & demographic challenges.
- Assess housing market dynamics.
- Identify governance gaps.
- Explore European best practices.
- Support SIRR hub development.

Methodology

Quantitative research design.

Data period: 2018–2023.

Sources: SCB, municipal data, Lantmäteriet, Arbetsförmedlingen.

Methods: descriptive stats, trend analysis, correlation, comparison.

Key Findings

- Housing pressure due to second homes.
- Seasonal overload of services.
- Fiscal imbalance between tax revenue & service demand.
- Youth out-migration.
- Social fragmentation.

Quantitative Trends

Housing prices: 2.1M → 3.7M SEK.

Seasonal population: 8,000 → 15,000.

Strong correlation: second homes → price inflation.

Seasonal peaks strain infrastructure.

Policy Recommendations



- Seasonal/usage-based taxation.
- Compulsory registration for part-time residents.
- Housing priority for essential workers.
- Youth employment & innovation programmes.
- Expand SIRR hubs.
- Cultural events (Holi, Ravan Dahan) for off-season tourism.

Conclusion

Challenges are interconnected.

Data-driven insights support sustainable planning.

SIRR hubs enable innovation & resilience.

Balanced governance protects housing, services & community cohesion.